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The Senior Class of 1955 Presents
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London High School
Walnut Cove, North Carolina



To Mr. Williamson, our beloved principal
whose sympathetic understanding and guid-
ance have been a source of inspiration to
us, we the members of the graduating class
of 1955, gratefully dedicate this, the first
annual of London High.

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Foreword

It is not our desire in the publication of this volume to offer to the world an imperishable work of literature, but merely to record in a simple and effective manner the deeds of our High School days, so that in future years we may turn these pages and relive those days we spent at Dear London High. Look not upon our work with critical eyes, but become as one of us, that you may the more appreciate the contents of this volume.



Standing: Erma Linster, Annie Kate Morris, Donald Martin, J. L. Hairston,
Advisor; Alfred Mitchell.
Seated: Nannie Lee Johnson, Hope Hawkins, Shirley A. Dalton, Editor.

Annual Staff



JOHN L. HAIRSTON - Advisor



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Seated: W. E. Collins, Superintendent R. M. Green, P. O. Frye, J. Van Tuttle.

Superintendent's Message

I am happy for this opportunity to extend greetings to the Class of 1955. I congratulate you who have achieved your goal.

We hope the training you have received will enable you to face problems wisely and arrive at decisions that will be a credit to you.

We feel confident that each of you will be an asset to the community in which you live and a source of great pride to the school in pointing to you as one of our graduates.

Very sincerely yours,
R. M. Green



Principal's Message

As you leave London High may you ever be aware that the time will continue to demand analytical thinking and a critical analysis of problems with which you will be confronted.

As a more enlightened citizen may you always make a worthwhile contribution to the cause of better human relations, to the cause of freedom and justice for all throughout the world.

May this annual remind you of fond memories and pleasant recollections of days well spent at London High.

Much Success,
T. L. Williamson



Supervisor's Message



Greetings Seniors!

As you leave London High, please remember: There is no peak so steep it cannot be surmounted; there is no way so hard it cannot be trodden if determination is sufficient; there is no objective too great to be obtained if perseverance shall endure. Let your motto be: "Ignore dull days; forget the showers; keep count of only shining hours."

Very Sincerely,
Wilvera E. DeLaine

P.T.A.



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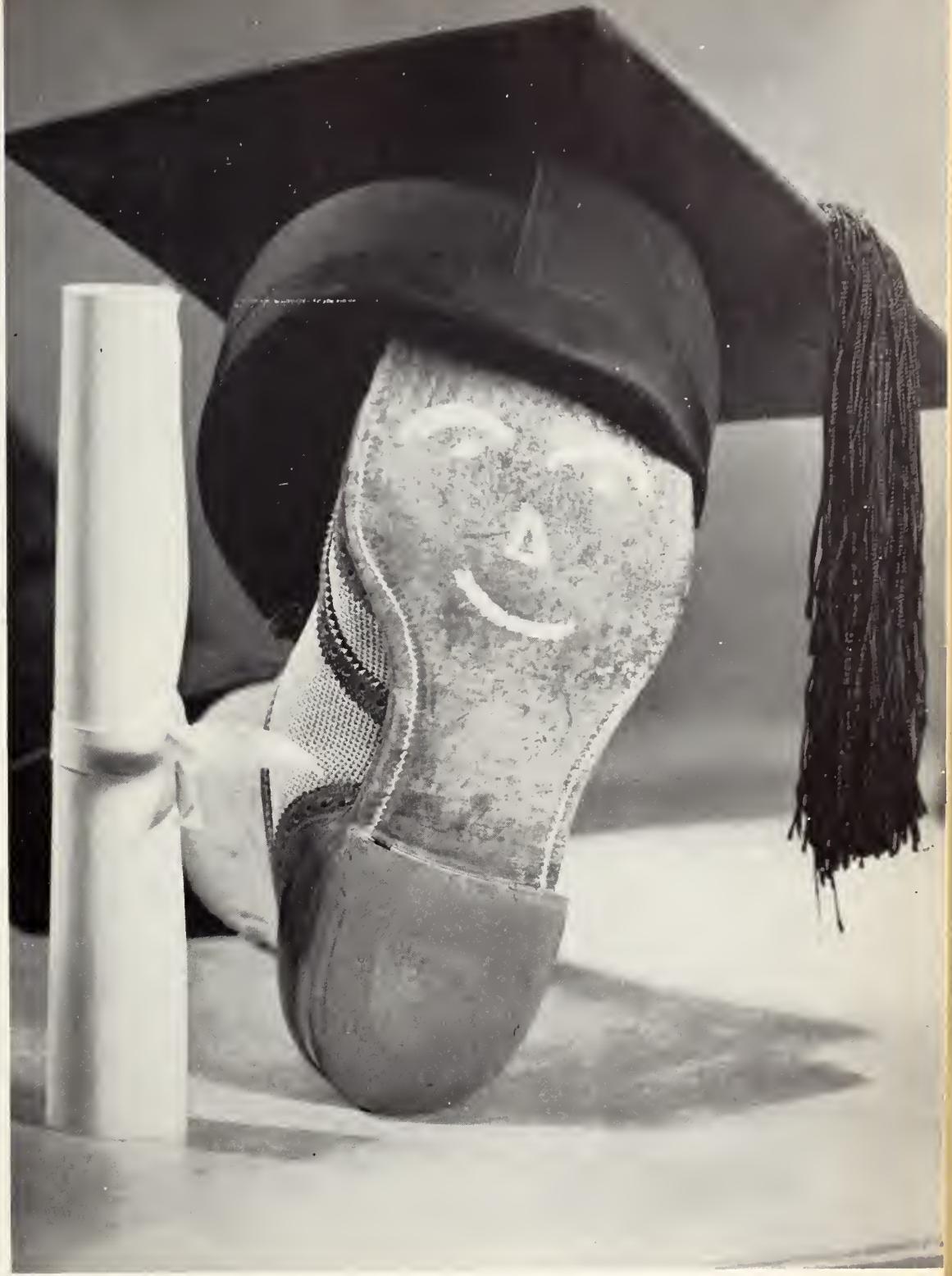


Alma Dalton, Polly Welch

Student Helpers



Left to right: Helen Martin, Barbara Price, Georgia Price, Hilda Withers, Shirley Hairston.



Seniors

Seniors



Standing: OTTO WITHERS, JR., Reporter; HOPE HAWKINS, Vice President; ANNIE KATE MORRIS, Treasurer; MR. JOHN L. HAIRSTON, Advisor. Seated: DONALD MARTIN, President; ERMA LINSTER, Secretary; SHIRLEY DALTON, Recording Secretary.



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Basketball, Glee Club,
Annual Staff, Class Plays,
Student Council, Paper
Staff, Secretary of Fresh-
man Class.
Ambition: Teacher

MARGIE HAIRSTON
"Marge"
Ambition: Nurse

ANTHONETTE HOPE HAWKINS
"Hope"
Glee Club, Basketball,
Class Plays, President of
Junior Class, Student Coun-
cil, Annual Staff, Paper
Staff.
Ambition: Nurse



BETTY FAYE JOHNSON

"Bet"

Ambition: Beautician



NANCY JOHNSON

"Nancy"

Ambition: Musician



NANNIE LEE JOHNSON

"Nannell"

Glee Club, Student Council, Secretary of Junior Class. Ambition: Beautician.



ERMA MAXINE LINSTER

"Shorty"

Bus Driver, Annual Staff, Secretary of Senior Class. Ambition: Nurse.



DONALD WINFRED MARTIN

"Don"

Basketball, Glee Club, Annual Staff, President of Senior Class, Baseball. Ambition: Doctor.



ELVIN DELANO MARTIN

"Elvin"

Glee Club, Baseball, Basketball, Bus Driver. Ambition:
Mechanic.

FLUNELL MARTIN

"Nell"

Ambition:



ANNIE KATE MORRIS

"Kate"

Basketball, Secretary of
Junior Class. Ambition:
Nurse.

ALFRED MITCHELL

"Alfred"

Basketball, Baseball, Glee
Club, Student Council.
Ambition: Professional
Baseball Player.

HOWARD MITCHELL

"Knapp"

Bus Driver, President of
Freshman Class.
Ambition: Mechanic.



GEORGIA PRICE
"Georgia"
Glee Club, Basketball,
Plays, Secretary of Sopho-
more Class, Cafeteria
Worker. Ambition: Nurse.

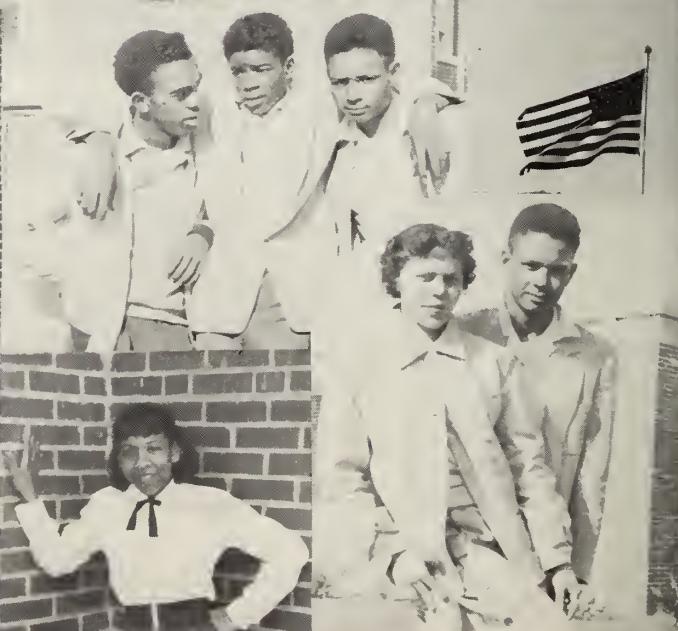
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"Retta"
Glee Club, Typing.
Ambition: Nurse.

OBEDIAH SCALES
"Obediah"
Bus Driver, Student Council.
Ambition: Mechanic.



BILL SIMMONS
"Bill"
Baseball. Ambition:
Professional Baseball
Player.

OTTO WITHERS, JR.
"Otto"
Basketball, Baseball, Glee
Club, Class Plays.
Ambition: Professional
Singer.



History

ACT I

Time: 1951

Place: London High School

Up goes the Curtain! There arrives on the scene thirty-five boys and girls. Faces are glowing from extra scrubbing, suits are pressed, dresses are fitting just right, and eyes are sparkling mischievously. Each one is eager to play his role in this great drama just beginning in a new school. We settle down eventually to business, with Mrs. Louise Faucette as our home room teacher. Math, English, Health, and History passed on review. Heavens think, are we supposed to learn all this stuff.????

Finally came report cards, glee club, holidays, basketball, field day, socials, final exams, and then Good-bye for the summer. The curtain falls on the first act.

ACT II

Time: One year later

Place: The Same

Back again! We are proud to be back at London High, thinking we are a band of "Wise Actors." The roll is called and several of our former classmates are missing. Also we found that our dearly beloved homeroom teacher was teaching some place else and we ended up with a man as our advisor, Mr. A. C. Humphrey. We worked together feeling we were a little superior to what we were those first days at London High School.

Half of our high school career was almost upon us before we realized that time was slipping by so quickly.

ACT III

Time: September 1953

Place: The Same

We are now Juniors at last, with Mr. John L. Hairston as our advisor. Our class has now dwindled to twenty-five members. We decided to get down to business. French has been added to our studies. "Bon Jour comment-allez vous," is our way of greeting in the mornings. (We learned that in our French class under our principal, Mr. T. L. Williamson.)

Now our attention is turned to "This Thing Called Love," the first 3 act play that our class had presented. It passed over very successfully. We also had an interesting trip to the Moorehead Planetarium at the University of North Carolina.

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In the spring of the same year came our Junior-Senior Prom. Class work is almost forgotten as we discuss evening attire, music, decoration, soft lights, and invitations. It's a gala affair. The seniors say that none have been better.

The curtain gradually falls, Senior Day arrives and our hearts swell with pride as Hope Hawkins accepts the senior robe on our behalf, the symbol of dignity and knowledge. Three years down and one more to go.

ACT IV

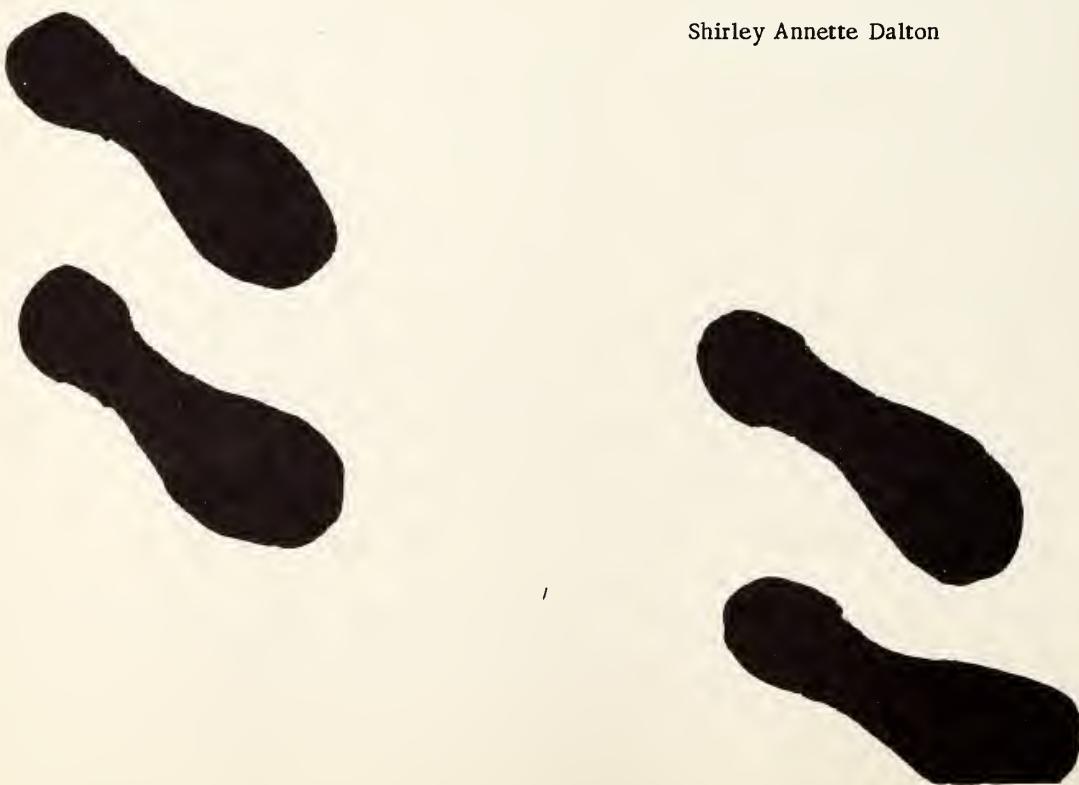
Time: Senior Year

Place: The Same

The Climax of our goal is almost at hand, but only nineteen are on the scene to witness it. Things take on a more serious aspect. Soon we will dissolve as a class. Where will fate take us in the years to come? This year we are still under the supervision of Mr. J. L. Hairston. Our first undertaking is the publishing of the first yearbook of London High School. Is is fun and work too, but our class seems to know how to tackle the job. Next we tackle our Senior Play. Then we talk of caps, gowns, rings and commencement invitations.

The Juniors honored us with a prom the best yet. Commencement day is here and we are bidding all a sad farewell. The curtain falls on the final act, and so ends our drama.

Shirley Annette Dalton



Class Will

We the class of '55 of the London High School of the City of Walnut Cove and the State of North Carolina, being of sound minds, and conscious that we are soon to pass from this scholastic scene, hereby publish this our last will and testament.

FIRST: We give to our beloved advisor Mr. John L. Hairston, our earnest desires and prayers for the faithful and tender guidance of those following in our footsteps.

SECOND: To the faculty, we will our fond memories and appreciation for their much needed services.

THIRD: To the class of '56 we will and bequeath our senior dignity, and we sincerely trust that they shall treat it with great pomp and ceremony.

FOURTH: In kind remembrance we further will the following personal attributes.

Hope Hawkins wills her ability to play basketball to Shirley Hairston, her typing ability to Hilda Withers.

Shirley Dalton wills her pleasant disposition to Nettie Smith.

Annie Kate Morris wills her ability to dance to Gloria Smith.

Erma Linster wills her size to Edna Hairston.

Nannie Johnson wills her artistic talent to Willia Dalton.

Georgia Price wills her talkative ways to Easter Mae Simmons.

Loretta Satterfield wills her personality to Hilda Withers.

Betty Johnson wills her hand writing to Maxine Simmons.

Margie Hairston wills her ability to chew gum to Connie King.

Nancy Johnson wills her silence to Yvonne Goolsby.

Alfred Mitchell wills his athletic ability to Vernon Goolsby.

Otto Withers wills his ability to sing to Jimmy Hairston.

Obediah Scales wills his bus to Robert Lee Dalton.

Howard Mitchell wills his life to Shirley Martin.

Donald Martin wills his ability to think to Jimmy Hairston.

Flunell Martin wills his smile to Barbara Linster.

Elvin Martin wills his neatness to Vernon Goolsby.

Bill Simmons wills his ability to pitch ball to Willis Penn.

In Conclusion, we leave the London High School students our best wishes for their ultimate success.

Anthonette Hope Hawkins

Class Prophecy

One Sunday afternoon, when the great Author of the universe was slowly painting the leaves of the trees into beautiful hues of gold and red; and when mother nature was waiting to put them to bed and to throw over them a beautiful blanket of snow, I sat musing. My thoughts were all of the Senior class.

I heard a voice, a supernatural voice. I recognized it as that of Apollo.

Now listen, my classmates, and you shall hear what Apollo said in a tone severe;
Many years from now, probably fifty-five,
some now living won't be alive.

Shirley Dalton is the dramatic type, four years from now she will be playing the leading role in "Here Comes The Bride."

Hope Hawkins is the Cover girl type, six years from today she will be the greatest model on Broadway.

Annie Kate Morris will marry a good husband, and thereby be relieved of the responsibilities of life.

Georgia Price is the romantic type, six years from now Joe Louis will be her sixth husband.

Loretta Satterfield is the quiet type, eight years from now she will still be quiet and dreaming of her future.

Erma Linster will succeed Dorothy Dix as advisor for girls.

Nancy Johnson will become master of silence.

Betty Johnson will live an upright life and die happy.

Margie Hairston will favor us all with the invention of a product known as lip reducer.
Elvin Martin will invent a machine for removing wrinkles from the forehead.

Alfred Mitchell is the athletic type, five years from today he will be pitching for the New York Giants.

Donald Martin is very much interested in literature, fourteen years from today he will take the place of Shakespeare.

Otto Withers, Jr. is fond of singing, five years from now he will be singing with the greatest band in North Carolina.

Howard Mitchell is the comical type, he will take the place of Jerry Lewis.

Obediah Scales delights in arguing, seven years from now he will be a famous lawyer.

Bill Simmons will succeed as one of America's greatest comedians.

Flunell Martin will flirt his time away.

Nannie Lee Johnson is the artistic type, five years from today she will be an art instructor at Duke University

Anthonette Hope Hawkins



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Juniors



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MAXINE SIMMONS

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Sophomores



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James S. Satterfield



Aldine Searcy

Aubrey Simmons



Vera Dale Smith

Curtis Withers





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Freshmen



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Orie Hairston

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Harrison Lash

Helen Martin

Mary Jane Martin



Walter More



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Sixth Grade



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Second Grade



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Seventh Grade

Teacher - MRS. G. MORRISON



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Fifth Grade

Teacher - MRS. C. HAIRSTON



Fourth Grade

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Third Grade

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Second Grade

Teachers - MRS. O. HAIRSTON
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First Grade

Teacher - MRS. C. GOOLSBY



Activities

Queen

1954



EDWARD E. HAIRSTON
BARBARA JEAN PRICE

King
1954

Miss Primary Grade



VIRGINIA CARROLL

EILEEN DALTON

Miss Grammar Grade



Typing Class

MISS A. M. RICHARDSON - Advisor



Bus Drivers

Back row: Obediah Scales, Donald Martin, Hope Hawkins, Elvin Martin, Easter Mae Simmons, Walter Lash. Front row: Erma Linster, Howard Mitchell, A. Fraizer (absent).



~~ Echo Staff ~~



HOPE HAWKINS
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SHIRLEY DALTON
Editor



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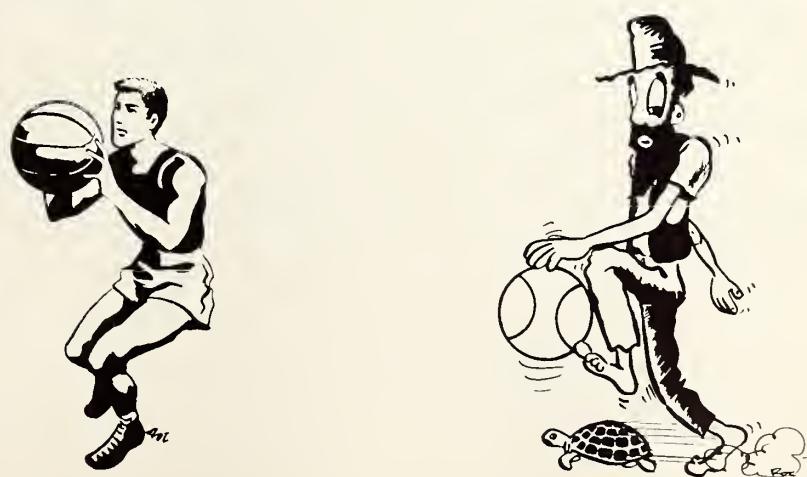
Back row, left to right: P. Gibson, S. Simmons, M. Price, B. Price, S. Dalton, M. C. Hairston, Coach. Bottom row: M. Frazier, E. Simmons, S. Hairston, A. Mitchell.



Basketball



Front row, left to right: Patterson, E. Martin, Mitchell, D. Martin, Lash, Robinson,
Coach Johnson. Back row: J. Dalton, A. Dalton, E. Hairston, Withers.



Baseball



LEADING HITTERS: Robinson, Hairston, Dalton, Withers, Martin.

ACE HURLER:
Alfred Mitchell

TOP CATCHER:
Donald W. Martin



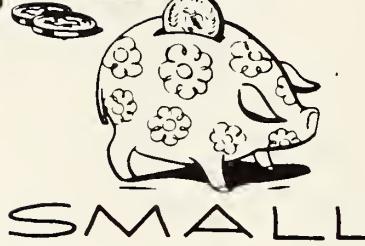


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You are to be commended for your initiative in publishing the first yearbook at London High. May it serve as a stimulus to future classes.

Miss Mildred Smith, President

Mrs. Lonia Martin, Secretary



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